

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of formal drawings include replacement drawings for Figures 1-9.

Replacement Sheet 1/14, which includes FIGS. 1-5, replaces the original Figures 1-5.

Replacement Sheet 2/14, which includes FIGS. 6A and 6B, replaces the original Figures 6A and 6B.

Replacement Sheets 3/14, 4/14, and 5/14, which include FIGS. 7A-1, 7A-2, and 7A-3, replaces the original Figure 7A.

Replacement Sheets 6/14, 7/14, and 8/14, which include FIGS. 7B-1, 7B-2, 7B-3, replaces the original Figure 7B.

Replacement Sheets 9/14, 10/14/ and 11/14, which include FIGS. 7C-1, 7C-2, and 7C-3, replaces the original Figure 7C.

Replacement Sheets 12/14 and 13/14, which include FIGS. 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 8F, and 8G, replaces the original Figures 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 8F, and 8G.

Replacement Sheet 14/14, which includes FIG. 9, replaces the original Figure 9.

REMARKS

This amendment, along with formal drawings, are being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 following the mailing of a Notice of Allowance and Fees Due, and concurrently with the payment of the Issue Fee due March 14, 2006.

The Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended with respect to the formal drawings being submitted herewith. As the amendments to the specification concern references to the figure numbers, no new matter is added by the amendments. Entry is therefore respectfully requested.

The Amendments to the Drawings

Formal drawings are being submitted concurrently with the payment of the issue fee. The drawings are free from erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks in Figures 1-9 as filed. It is submitted that the amendments to the drawings address only the formality of the drawings and therefore do not add any new matter. Entry is therefore respectfully requested.

Conclusion

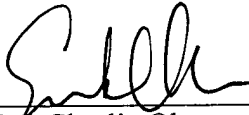
Applicants submit that the amendments address only formal matters and do not affect the scope or the merits of the allowed claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendments. If any issues remain in regards to the above-referenced application, the Patent Office is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 415.262.4504.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment,

to Dechert LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2778 (Order No. 375462-002US).

Respectfully submitted,

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